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STATEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

(AUSTIN, TEXAS) In response to media inquiries regarding the unauthorized access of the University of Texas database, United States Attorney Johnny Sutton stated:

"We understand the many individuals whose names and social security numbers were apparently retrieved from the University of Texas database without consent have concerns as to the identity of those responsible, their intent in obtaining this information, and what if anything has been done with the information. Although this is an ongoing criminal investigation, and our ability to comment is very limited at this time, we do feel that it is appropriate to inform the public that, due to prompt and efficient investigation by the United States Secret Service and the University of Texas Police Department significant progress has been made in answering these questions. What I am prepared to say is that it does not appear at this time that the information that was obtained from the University database has been disseminated, nor has it been used to the detriment of the persons to whom it rightfully belongs. Again, this is a preliminary evaluation of the evidence in this case, and further investigation may lead to additional or different conclusions. Both the U.S. Attorney's office, the United States Secret Service, The Texas Attorney General's Office, the Travis County District Attorney, and the University of Texas are working together to ensure that the responsible parties are brought to justice and the interests of the victims are protected. Again, because this is an ongoing criminal investigation, I cannot make any further comments on this case at this time."

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